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1. IN VIEW PARA TWO REFTEL WE HAVE REVIEWED HERE UPCOMING HIGH LEVEL MILIARY AND OTHER VISITS.

2. FOLLOWING SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY DEPARTMENT.

A. VISIT US AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF DAVID C JONES. JUNE 19-22

B. JORDAN ARMY BANKD WILL TOUR EASTERN UNITED STATES AS A BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO US FIRST TWO WEEKS IN JUNE (JUNE -7 ETC)

C. OMB DIRECTOR JAMES T LYNN AND PARTY JUNE 15

D. AID DIRECTOR PARKER AND PARTY, MAY 30-JUNE 1.

3. ONLY VISIT THAT WE BELIEVE WOULD CAUSE ANY POSSIBLE CONCERN IN LIGHT OF REFTEL IS THAT IN PARA 2 (A) KING HUSSEIN WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY ON A VISIT TO AUSTRIA JUNE 14-17 AND SOVIET UNION JUNE 17-27.

WE PRESUME ALL SENIOR JORDANIANS MIGHT ALSO GO WITH HIM POSSIBLY INCLUDING BRIGADIER ABOUD COMMANDER OF RJAF, ALTHOUGH AT PRESENT ABOUD PLANS TO BE IN JORDAN AS HOST FOR JONES VISIT.

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SINCE ABOUD IS ALSO IN CHARGE OF JORDAN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ISS

PRESENCE IN USSR COULD BECOME NECESSARY.

4. OUT SUGGESTION AT THIS TIME IS TO LEAVE FIRM ALL OTHER VISIT
EXCEPT OF GENERAL JONES. FOR JONES VISIT WE SHOULD CONSIDER CLOSER
TO TIME OF VISIT WHETHER CANCELLATION IS REQUIRED. NOT IMPOSSIBLE
JORDAN MIGHT SUGGEST SOME SHIFT IN TIMING IF ABOUD MUST BE ABSENT.
WE SHOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY BEFORE SCHEDULING ANY OTHER
HIGH LEVEL MILITARY VISIT TO JORDAN.
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